

- (i) Prophylaxis Programme to prevent Nutritional Blindness due to Vitamin A deficiency. This is also under the RCH programme.
- (ii) National Iodine Deficiency Disease Control Programme (NIDDCP).
- (iii) Pilot Programme for control of Micronutrient Deficiencies.

Treatment in charitable hospitals

†3286. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware of the fact that treatment in many renowned charitable hospitals become more costly than the five star hotels;
- (b) the provisions made for the treatment of common man in such hospitals;
- (c) whether Government have formulated any policy to provide treatment facilities on reasonable charges to common man in these charitable hospitals;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (e) Health being a State subject, it is for the State Government to regulate the functioning of charitable hospitals and to ensure availability of treatment facilities on reasonable charges to common man.

Committee on controlling of female foeticide

†3287. SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS BALAPTE:

SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:

SHRI VINAY KATIYAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the graph of foeticide and the difference in the ratio of boy-girl are on rise in the country;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.